

# GRAND OPERA HOUSE

- PROGRAMME -

LONDON,  
ONT.

C. J. WHITNEY,  
LESSEE.

A. E. ROOTE,  
MANAGER.

## VIRGINIA

The best FIVE CENT Cigar obtainable in London. It is made of the finest selected stock, by the best workmen.

SOLE AGENT.

H. McKenna, 225 DUNDAS STREET.

F. A. GOING...

Painter and  
Decorator ....

SIGN WRITING  
and SCENIC  
PAINTING  
A SPECIALTY.

578 RICHMOND ST.

TO OUR CUSTOMERS...

EXAMINE YOUR DOLLARS AND CUFFS.

NOTICE the absence of former BRITTLINESS which caused the work to break so readily. We have just put in, at a great expense, a wonderful machine, heated by steam work only, passing through the rollers once. The result: "Work is elastic, will not break and will last much longer than when ironed by the old method—heated by gas."

PARISIAN STEAM LAUNDRY CO.  
OF ONTARIO (Limited).

## THE "NEWS"

Reaches two-thirds of the homes of London, and 450 points in Western Ontario. It is the best advertising medium in the West.

SEASON 1897-98.

Thursday, February 17th

THE POPULAR OPERA COMIQUE,  
IN THREE ACTS,

## The Isle of Champagne

Book by CHAS. ALFRED BYRNE and LOUIS HARRISON. Music by W. W. FURST.

NOTE.—The management of this theatre advertise only in the *Free Press*, *News* and *Echo*.

## PALACE DANCING ACADEMY

NEW TERMS BEGIN NEXT WEEK.

Come and learn all the latest dances, as taught by competent teachers. It does not cost you any more. Circulars mailed on application.

DAYTON & MCCORMICK

## POOL AND BILLIARDS

Most up-to-date parlors in the city. Come in and see us. Everything will be done to make your visit enjoyable.

THE HUB Billiard and  
Pool Parlors.  
DUNDAS STREET.

## To the Bicyclists of London



WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU  
TO COME AND INSPECT THE

COLUMBIA CHAINLESS WHEEL

Their New 1898 Model.

GURD & CO., 185 DUNDAS ST.

## OVERCOATS, TROUSERS, BUSINESS AND DRESS SUITS

CLEANED, PRESSED AND REPAIRED:

M. H. BIRD, 388 RICHMOND ST.  
Upstairs, opp. City Hall.

We are the only house in the city doing this class of work

## IF YOU ARE PARTICULAR

About the Cigar you smoke, and want it at a reasonable price, call at

W. J. CLARK'S

AND TRY 165 DUNDAS ST.

"MY FRIEND FROM CUBA"

10c. Cigar for 5c.

THIS PROGRAMME ...

IS FROM THE PRESS OF

HEAL & FLEMING

172 KING STREET

WE SOLICIT YOUR PATRONAGE TELEPHONE 874

## SMITH BROS.

STEAM, GAS and  
HOT WATER  
FITTERS

PLUMBERS

265 Dundas Street  
... Telephone 538.

LONDON.

MISERY OR HAPPINESS

IT ALL DEPENDS ON THE  
KIND OF CIGAR YOU SMOKE

RARE-BIT

THE BEST! 5C. CIGAR  
MADE

# Office Restaurant

378 RICHMOND  
ST.

FRESH LAGER. BEST BRANDS OF ALL KINDS OF  
LIQUORS AND CIGARS. MEALS AT ALL HOURS.  
THE FINEST BRANDS OF OYSTERS.

**D. SARE,**  
Proprietor.

# Ladies' Restaurant

220 DUNDAS STREET

You can spend a pleasant hour after the  
Opera. Our Candies are delicious. They  
are made fresh daily, and are pure and  
reliable. Beware of imitations and cheap  
candies. they are injurious to your health.  
See that **SHORT BROS.** is stamped  
on every box and you will find that it con-  
tains a delicious confection.  
The Latest Novelties for Opera, Whist,  
Skating and Sleighing Parties.

# OUR CHINAWARE

For the table is beautifully  
designed and artistically colored.  
Every piece is made of good  
China; is thoroughly burned and  
well glazed. Our prices are right.  
They show that we buy closely  
and sell closely.

A SPECIAL LINE OF  
HOLIDAY GOODS.

**YEO'S** ... 177 DUNDAS  
CHINA HALL ST.

# Theatrical People



Are pretty good judges of Furs. Visiting  
nearly every city in this country each  
year, they have opportunities for observ-  
ing style, quality and prices possessed by  
the people of no other profession. It is a  
fact that many performers whose com-  
panies are booked to play London postpone  
their purchases until they get here, when  
they promptly start for our store.

**Milne, Spittal & Co.** - 146 -  
DUNDAS ST.

# HA! HA! HA!



Like the funny man in the show, we  
laugh at all competition in our line  
of trade. Laugh one, laugh all!  
then leave your order for something  
choice in.....

**Meats, Poultry, Game, &c.**

AT  
**BREEN'S**

735 RICHMOND ST.  
PHONE 944.

DELIVERED FREE TO ALL PARTS OF CITY.

# THE ISLE OF CHAMPAGNE

Cast of Characters.

KING POMMERY, The Second,		RICHARD GOLDEN
Ruler of the Isle.....		
Apollinaris Frappe, His Prime		
Minister.....		J. W. Kingsley
Prince Kissingen, his son.....		Frederick Knights
Moet.....		Jos. F. Sparks
Chandon.....		His Army, { Tote Ducrow
Marquis Mumm.....		{ Marshall Kent
Baron Heldsic.....		Winfred Young
Conspirators, { Count Roederer.....		{ Albert Busby
Sam Binnacle, shipwrecked sailor		
of New Bedford, Mass.....		Joan Mayon
Brigette, Diana's companion.....		Emilie Gardini
Artea.....		Dolly Namyl
Archers, { Sophia.....		{ Lillie Gibbs
{ Charmantine.....		{ Lillian Berry
Chic.....		Kittie Nice
Pages { Petite.....		{ Nellie King
in the { Jolie.....		{ Mildred Ashland
Champagne { Billie.....		{ Gladys Leslie
Palace, { Chummy.....		{ Marie Minturn
Lillie.....		Louise Willis

# Bell Pianos

PRONOUNCED  
... BY ...

**R. WATKIN-MILLS**

to be absolutely the  
most elegant instruments  
he had seen anywhere.

# Bell Piano Warerooms

167 DUNDAS ST.  
... LONDON.

# SATISFACTION

There is a great satisfaction when drinking a cup  
of Coffee in knowing positively that it is the best  
Coffee possible for anyone to have. That is the  
assurance when you sip a cup of our Mocha or Java  
at 40c. per lb. The very flavor is enough to make  
you smack your lips, and if you were to pay double the  
price, quality could not be higher. The same can be  
said of our Teas also, as the following list will show:

English Breakfast Blend,	60c.	worth	80c
Club House	50c	"	65c
Five O'Clock Tea	40c	"	50c
Household	35c	"	45c
Special	25c	"	40c

**A. C. TAYLOR,**

286 DUNDAS ST., LONDON, ONT

# W. T. STRONG & Co.



Dispensing  
Chemists ...

184 DUNDAS ST.,  
LONDON.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

# IT NATURALLY FOLLOWS

That you have to pay more in the large  
stores. Large profits are required to pay  
high rents, etc. My place is small, rent  
low and profit meagre, but my work will  
compare favorably with the best. If you  
have your own cloth, bring it along, and  
I will make it up in the best possible  
style, and the cost will be reasonable.

# FAIRBAIRN

OPPOSITE  
CITY HALL  
UP STAIRS

THE  
TAILOR

DON'T HANG ON TO THE REAR  
OF THE CHARIOT OF PROGRESS

GET ON THE SEAT

AND SMOKE

**RARE-BIT, 5 CENT  
CIGAR**

RICHARDSON SELLS GOOD COAL



olutely Guaranteed or Cash Refunded.---TRY THEM ONCE.

WE ARE SHOWING THE  
LATEST EFFECTS IN...

## SUITINGS AND OVERCOATINGS

Those contemplating the addition of a **DRESS SUIT** to their wardrobe will find it to their advantage to see us before purchasing elsewhere. Orders executed on the shortest possible notice.



**O. LABELLE...**  
372 RICHMOND ST.

## GUILLAUME VAN DER FEEN

ELKHART, INDIANA.

PRESENT ADDRESS

284 KING STREET, LONDON, ONT.

Decorator

Our Alabastine or Oil Wall Decorations, which are taking the place of wall paper in all our larger cities are **JUST AS CHEAP**, far **RICHER** and more **DURABLE** than wall paper. Paper is **UNSANITARY** with the decaying glue on its face and flour paste behind. Alabastine sweetens and purifies the house, never decays, and drives away insects. The Michigan State Board of Health published a paper with one of their annual reports which strongly condemned kalsomine and wall paper, and recommended wall decorations.

Rooms handsomely frescoed in Relief Work, \$30 and upwards.

### REFERENCES

Residence of Geo. Gibbins, Q.C.  
Ex-Mayor Little.

Drug Store of Cairncross & Lawrence.  
Mount Hope Convent.  
At present Decorating St. Joseph's Hospital.

## FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

THERE IS NOTHING TO  
EQUAL A  
BEAUTIFUL

## PALM

SEE THE SELECTIONS AT

**GAMMAGE & SONS**

**F. H. BUTLER**

Stock Broker

STOCKS, GRAINS AND PROVISIONS  
bought and sold for cash or on margin.  
Private wires to New York Stock Ex-  
change and Chicago Board of Trade.  
Toronto and Montreal Stock Exchange  
quotations received by wire.

LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE 1278.

15-16 Masonic Temple, London

## THE ISLE OF



## CHAMPAGNE

### CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Continued.

Abigail Peck, Priscilla's Aunt, also

of New Bedford, Mass. .... Sylvia De Dre

Diana, the Belle of the Isle .... Lillian Burnham

—And—

PRISCILLA, by .... KATHERINE GERMAINE

Archers, Citizens, Cherry Girls, Cobweb Girls,

Flower Girls, Ladies and Gentlemen of the Court

of Champagne, Sailors, Doctors, etc.

Scene—The Isle of Champagne, Long. 120 West;

Lat. 22 South.

The GERHARD HEINTZMAN Piano  
used in this Opera House was supplied  
by W. McPHILLIPS. Warerooms 229  
Dundas Street, London.

## BELOW THE BELT



There is no blow you can hit a man that he'll feel like one aimed at his pocketbook. When you hit him there, you hit him in the tenderest part of his anatomy. When he buys a lottery ticket for a dollar and draws nothing but, his breath, he feels hurt. When he spends a dime for a Cigar and it smells like cooking cabbage, his pride is wounded. If he deals with us nothing like this happens. We hit him right in his pocketbook, too, but we touch him so lightly that he enjoys the novelty.

## SHARP BROS.

## HAPPY THOUGHT

## RANGES

WE ALSO CARRY  
A COMPLETE  
ASSORTMENT  
OF...

HEATERS

AND

FURNACES

ARE  
ECONOMICAL  
DURABLE  
GAS-TIGHT  
SELF-  
CLEANING

**PARKINSON & CO.**

384 RICHMOND ST.

## YOUR AD.

In this space will cost you twenty cents per night. You are the judge of whether it would be well read. You have read this ad., others will read yours. Drop a postal to Box Office and solicitor will call on you.

## GRIGG HOUSE

LONDON, ONT.

The Leading Commercial House  
of the West.

SPECIAL RATES TO  
THEATRICAL PEOPLE.

M. O'MEARA,  
PROPRIETOR.

'Tis almost second nature for an actor to relate stories, even of a funeral nature, in as entertaining a manner as possible.

Mr. Goodwin is accredited with talking about it the other day.

"For instance," said he, "what's the use of going into all the harrowing details. Leave something to the imagination. Now, take for example, suppose you read something like this in the paper:

"In Boston the other day, a man thought he could cross the track in advance of a locomotive. The services at the grave were very impressive." Or

"A man in Maryland ate fifty raw oysters on a wager. The silver trimmings on his coffin cost \$12.50." Or

"A Chicago man warned his wife not to light the fire with kerosene. She did not heed the warning. Her clothes fit his second wife admirably well." Or

"A Londoner got tired of buying coal haphazard, because it was cheap, and now buys it from Cameron. As a result the doctor never calls, and he and his family are happy all the time." 'Tis brief, but really all-sufficient. Office, Hiscox Building; Yard, Burwell St., at G. T. R.

YOUR DEALER HAS IT  
MAKE HIM GIVE IT TO YOU

RARE-BIT THE BEST 5c. CIGAR MADE

RICHARDSON SELLS GOOD COAL

Richardson Sells Only the BEST of DRY MAPLE WOOD

**FRANK COOPER**

**Artistic ...  
Photographer**

STILL TO THE FRONT  
EVERYTHING UP-TO-DATE

AT THIS SPACIOUS STUDIO  
OVER.....

169-171-173 Dundas St.



Having returned from New York and principal cities of the United States, where I obtained the latest improvements in my business, I am prepared to do work up-to-date at lowest prices. Non-freezeable water pipes a specialty. All orders left at 83 Carling Street will be promptly attended to. Estimates furnished on application.

**ALEX. MILNE.**

**SAY!**

Would you like the best dish of Oysters in the city for 25c., or a delicious Ham Sandwich, or a fine Cup of Coffee? The only Ladies and Gents' Restaurant in the city open after the show.

THE OLD RELIABLE.

**The White Restaurant**

344<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> RICHMOND ST.

MRS. CURRELL, Prop.

**THE TEGUMSEH**

LONDON, ONT.



FIRST-CLASS  
IN ALL  
APPOINTMENTS.

SPECIAL RATES ...  
FOR COMPANIES

CHAS. W. DAVIS,  
Proprietor.

**Yellow  
Snow**

Would look odd, but not any more so than a shirt bosom. You want your laundry the proverbial snow white—that's the way we make it.

**FOREST CITY  
STEAM LAUNDRY** 74 KING ST.

**COMING!**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22nd.

Annual Tour of Ireland's Kings,

**Gilmore and Leonard**  
THE SOOTHING COMEDIANS

Presenting the latest Irish Nonsensicality, by W. H. Macart. Management of Eugene Wellington, entitled

**Hogan's  
& Alley**

The Sunburst of Comedy  
Reconstructed.  
Everything New.  
Rewritten.

SEE Hogan's Alley. Hogan's Cycle Club.  
See Hogan's Illuminated Roof Garden.

Prices, 25c, 50c, 75c. Seats on sale Saturday.



**Carson**

PHOTOGRAPHER

180 DUNDAS STREET

**LEADS!**

NEXT ATTRACTION, MONDAY, FEB. 21ST.

**OTIS SKINNER**



SUPPORTED BY.....

JOSEPH BUCKLEY, Manager.

MAUD DURBIN, FREDERICK MOSLEY,

And a Strong Company of Twenty Players.

Mr. Skinner will present  
his new and successful  
Comedy

**"PRINCE RUDOLPH"**

"Otis Skinner is the best romantic actor of the day."—Lyman H. Glover, Chicago Times-Herald, Jan 27th, 1897.

**PRICES:** First Two Rows Circle, \$1.50; Balance Lower Floor, \$1.00.  
Balcony, Reserved, 75c; Admission, 50c. Gallery, 25c.  
SEATS ON SALE FRIDAY.